

What is claimed is:

1. An image recording apparatus comprising:  
input means for inputting the number of sheets to  
be copied and a destination telephone number;

5 determination means for determining a mode based on  
the input numerical value; and

execution stop means for stopping the execution of  
a current mode in the case that the current mode is  
determined a mode other than an execution mode by said  
10 determination means.

2. An image recording apparatus according to claim  
1 wherein, the determination means makes determinations  
using a numerical value smaller than the number of digits  
in a destination telephone number as a threshold value.

15 3. An image recording apparatus according to claim  
1 wherein, the execution mode is a copy mode and the mode  
other than the execution mode is a facsimile mode.

④ 4. An image recording apparatus comprising:  
input means for inputting the number of sheets to  
20 be copied and a destination telephone number;

determination means for determining a mode based on  
the input numerical value; and

input value retaining means for retaining an input  
numerical value in a mode other than an execution mode  
25 in the case that a current mode is determined a mode other  
than the execution mode by said determination means,  
switching said mode other than the execution mode to the

execution mode, and using said input numerical value in a switched mode.

5. An image recording apparatus according to claim 4 wherein, input value retaining means retains an input numerical value in a mode other than an execution mode by entering a particular key.

6. An image recording apparatus according to claim 5 wherein, a particular key is a pause key.

7. An image recording apparatus according to claim 4 wherein, the execution mode is a facsimile mode and the mode other than the execution mode is a copy mode.

8. An image recording apparatus comprising:

input means for inputting the number of sheets to be copied and a destination telephone number;

15 digits number counting means for counting the number of input digits;

mode switching means for switching the mode based on the counted number of digit; and

20 execution stop means for stopping the execution of the mode if the counted number of digits is not used in a current mode.

9. An image recording apparatus according to claim 8 wherein, the apparatus has a facsimile and a copy modes.

10. An image recording apparatus according to claim 25 9 wherein, the mode of stopping the execution is a copy mode.

11. An image recording apparatus according to claim 9 wherein, when the counted number of digits is smaller than a predetermined threshold value during the facsimile mode, the mode is switched to the copy mode.

5 12. An image recording apparatus according to claim 9 wherein, display means shows only a number of digits the number of which is smaller than or equal to said threshold value during the copy mode.

10 13. An image recording apparatus comprising:  
mode switching means for switching a mode;  
input value retaining means for retaining an input value in the case that a current mode is a mode other than an execution mode,  
wherein the retained input value is used in the  
15 execution mode.

14. An image recording apparatus according to claim 13 further comprising a retaining value retaining means for retaining an input numerical value when more digits than indicated by the threshold value are input.

20 15. An image recording apparatus according to claim 13 wherein, the apparatus has a facsimile and a copy modes.

16. An image recording apparatus according to claim 13 wherein, an input numerical value is retained by  
25 entering a particular key.

17. An image recording apparatus according to claim 16 wherein, a particular key is a pause key.

18. An image recording apparatus according to claim 13 wherein, the mode other than the execution mode is a copy mode.

19. A transmission method comprising the steps of:  
5 retaining data input during a copy mode in an image recording apparatus with a facsimile and a copy functions;

switching the mode to a facsimile mode with the input data retained; and

10 using said input data to execute facsimile transmission.

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